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Mr. Steve Ritchie, Acting Executive Director
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Re: Final Programmatic EIS/EIR

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

I am writing you today to express my concern about the inadequate amount of time allocated for public comment on the Cal-Fed final report. Many of our concerns as farmers in the north state have not been adequately addressed in this final report and should be addressed before this plan is made final.

I have lived and farmed in this beautiful Sacramento Valley my whole life, and I have watched as our own public agencies have encouraged agriculture to expand acreage to make use of this great natural resource. This current Cal-Fed plan will take us backwards. There is no analysis of what effect taking 250,000 acres of farmland out of production will have on the economies of these rural communities, how it will effect the environment, how nonnative plant and animal species will be controlled on these properties, how state and federal agencies will have the monies or manpower to manage these properties, and where the water for this lost farmland will come from.

Water supplies are not adequate because of previously mismanaged State and Federal water projects. Lets not add to the problem by adding new projects and not first building new water supplies.

I would like to see Cal-Fed hold additional public hearings to explain it's plan and answer public questions before making this plan final.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Carl Funke

cc: Senator Barbara Boxer

Senator Diane Feinstein

Rep. Doug Ose

State Senator Maurice Johannessen

Assemblyman Dick Dickerson